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Dear Charles:

I have your letters of September 27, 1990 and accompanying disclosure materials for each of the captioned cases. I am assigning all of the cases to Jeff Ingerman with the understanding that he will be assisted by young lawyers. My present plan in that regard is for Jeff to distribute the cases between William Schoneman and Gong Chen. However, because of the subject matter of some of these cases, Jeff may prefer a different delegation.

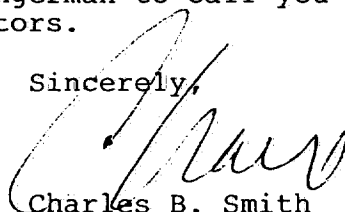
I think that in each of the cases, personal interviews with the inventors would be helpful.

To the extent that ~~Beverly Monroe~~ has available prior art applicable to any of these cases, it would be helpful to have that prior art. I recognize that in some of the disclosures the inventors have indicated some prior art notably prior Philip Morris cases. However, Beverly's supplements would undoubtedly be helpful.

As I discussed with you on the telephone today, I think that we should have an outside novelty search conducted on the high pressure valve, PM-1500. I have instituted that search.

I am asking Jeff Ingerman to call you directly about meeting with the inventors.

Sincerely,



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